## NATION TO HAVE AN AIRSHIP FLEET WITHIN ONE YEAR

Twenty Aeroplanes Will Be Purchased.

WOULD GIVE U. S. LEAD

Will Be Manned at the Least by Forty Officers.

Four Airships Airendy Have Beer Purchased by the Signal Corps. Trouble Lies in Inability to Obtain Aviators to Operate Them-Great Competition Among Manufacturers France Will Enter the Field.

An appropriation of \$125,000 in the military budget for the purchase and maintenance of aeroplanes means that the United States will have a formidable aerial fleet for coast defense before another year has passed.

Corps is ambitious. The co-operation of Congress having been gained, all that now remains is to buy the machines and train the aviators. It is figured that at least twenty aeroplanes can be purchased that at least accountry on the German-American Alliance for indorsing President Taft's nounced that he intended visiting his this year, with sufficient funds left of the appropriation for upkeep of the appropriation for upkeep of last night, in an unofficial manner hangars and other necessary ap- censured the paper for "Its unjustified purtenances.

AMERICA TO LEAD.

by forty officers, giving the United States a lead in aero strength. At the present rate of progress this prediction will unquestionably come true, for the aviation work of the army is now progressing by

Since April 1 four aeroplanes have been purchased by the Signal Corps-two Wrights, one Burgess-Wright, and a Curtiss. Two of these are now at College Park, one Wright is in San Antonio, sup-planting the 1969 model, which has ju-been presented to the National Museum. one Burgess-Wright machine, as

and one Burgess-Wright machine, substitute for that recently wrecked at College Park, is on its way here. It is a scarcity of aviators and not of aeroplanes that fothers the Signal Corps. The graduate aviators of the ean still be counted on the fingers trmy can still be counted on the ingers. Lieuts. Foulois, Beck, Milling, Arnold, Kirtland, with Lieut. Kennedy as a stu-jent, comprise about the entire list. Of-forers are being trained just as fast as possible, however, and it is probable the trmy will have more than forty skilled fyers by July 1, 1912. There is sharp bidding among the va-

rious peroplane manufacturing companies for the army contracts. The Wright company naturally has a certain prefer-ence in army circles, although the Curtiss machine has a strong following, especially in view of the recent brilliant experiments with the Curtiss hydroplane at Hammordsport, N. Y.

Por Naval Use Only.

The hydroplane, however, is for naval
use, and has no direct interest for the
Signal Corps. Prof. A. F. Zahm, of this city, made a journey to Hammondspor to see the trial performances of the new machine and was delighted with it. He made out a pilot's license for Lieut. Ellison, the naval officer who was trained by Glenn Curtiss to manage the hydro-

control system of the Burgessine bisding confined to the manufacturers in the United States. The Farman concern, of France, has announced its intention of establishing a manufacturing plant on this side of the Atlantic, and will make vigorous attempts to interest the severement.

will mase view the government.
So far the Signal Corps has not shown the slightest interest in the monoplane. There is no standard monoplane manufactured in the United States, and it is a standard mane than the same than the state and same than the state and same than the same than hiplane, although it develops greater

Beekman Winthrop, Assistant Secretary over the last leg of the trip. over the last leg of the trip. Over the last leg of the trip. Beaumont was in the air eleven hours and four minutes from the time he left Edinburgh this morning until he arrived the last leg of the trip. Beaumont was in the air eleven hours and four minutes from the time he left Edinburgh this morning until he arrived here to-night. He reached Manchester, and miles from Edinburgh, at 4:67 o'clock and miles from Edinburgh and m Be visit to inspect the naval magazine, and he also visited the United States Military Academy at West Point. Mr. Winthrop has visited the Naval Academy Winthrop has visited the Navai Academy at Annapolis several times, and this was his first view of the famous West Point institution. He was received by Lieut. Col. Fred W. Sladen, acting commander, who showed him over the entire institution and grounds, including the practice camp on the heights overlooking the Hudson.

The most powerful electromagnet in the world has been installed in the gov-ernment Bureau of Standards in this city.

## KIDNAPPING STORY TOLD POLICE BY CHORUS GIRL

Lillian Graham Found in Poughkeepsie Hotel-Abducted on Street Corner by Man with Bag.

New York, July 25.—Lillian Graham, of the singing and dancing team of Graham and Conrad, that won an engagement at Hammeratein's by shooting W. E. D. Stokes in the legs, and who dropped out of sight last Saturday night, was found this afternoon at Poughkeepsie in the Morgan House.

After inquiring if any reportera were snooping around, Miss Graham told Chief of Police Charles McCabe that she had been kidnapped, and that hay dreadful experience had left her spewildered and upset that she did not think about coming back to New York or telegraphing her friends.

She told the following tale:
"At 10:30 o'clock last Saturday night I left my sister's house at 100 West 110th street to get some headache powders and some butter. When I got to the corner of Amsterdam avenue and 110th street, a man suddenly jumped a tried there she said she had made a mistike in trains; that she had started for halany, but had got on a train that stopped at Poughkeepsie, so she thought.

the corner of Amsterdam avenue and 19th street, a man suddenly jumped at 10 and threw over my head a bag or a stopped at Poughkeepsie, so she thought cloth. It smelled of tar and made me cloth ohoked my cries. I was helptless.

The man rushed me to a motor car, threw me in, and drove away. I remembered nothing until I heard a man Poughkeepsie. The man rushed me to Poughkeepsie at 19:30 o'clock for membered nothing until I heard a man Poughkeepsie.

## UNITED GERMANS CENSURE PAPER OF IRISH CAUSE

The programme of the Signal Criticism of Taft's Treaty Policy with the Fatherland Claimed Unjust—Capt. Gerner to Attend Parents' Golden Wedding.

and unwarranted attitude."

That there are many Germans em-ployed in government departments who Gen. James Allen, chief of the Signal Corps, is quoted as saying that within their language was the statement made a year the United States will have a fleet of twenty aerial war ships, manned

more Germans belonged to the association.

Capt. Charles Gerner, the treasurer, announced that he intended visiting his
parents in Maisenheim, Germany, on the
occasion of their golden wedding, and
that a temporary treasurer should be appointed to fill the place during his absence. Karl Hammel, chalrman of the
board of trustees, was selected by President Voelckner.

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### ALLIGATOR DEVOURED LONG-MISSING GIRL

valuable gold watch and chain in the stomach of a large alligator that died in a pond near here Monday night is beappearance of twelve-year-old Janet
Thomson from the home of her parents
at Island Grove, Fla., two years ago.
The alligator was captured near Island
Grove some weeks after the girl disappeared, and was brought to this place
by J. M. Jackson.

Forsyth, Ga., July 25.—The finding of a valuable gold watch and chain in the stormach of a large alligator that died in a pond near here Monday night is believed to solve the mystery of the disappearance of twelve-year-old Janet Thomson from the home of her parents at Island Grove, Fla., two years ago. The alligator was captured near Island Grove some weeks after the girl disappeared, and was brought to this place by J. M. Jackson.

The little girl has never been heard from since she disappeared. When last valuable was standing on the banks of the lake where Jackson captured the light alligator, and she was wearing at the time a gold watch with her initials are on the back. The same initials are on the back of the watch found in the lake the dead alligator. It is believed by Jackson and others that while the girl was playing on the bank and devoured the first parents of the girl have been notified, and the watch will be returned to them.

Vedrines Only Contestant to Push First Aviator.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Bristol, July 25.-Andrew Beaumon alighted from his aeroplane here at 8:37 o'clock to-night. Jules Vedrines arrived at 10:10, and both aviators immediately he control system of the Burgessight machine has gained it many adents, and predictions are made that
army will purchase more aeroplanes
this make than any other. Nor is
bidding confined to the manufacturers
the last leg of their flight for the Dally
while prize of \$50.000. Barring accidents. Mail's prize of \$50,000. Barring accidents, they will 'reach Brooklands, the winning post, some time to-morrow.

The other fourteen aviators who starte in the race, including W. T. Weyman, the American, are out of the running. Beaumont is a heavy favorite over Vedrines to-night. He declares he will fly into Brooklands early to-morrow aft-ernoon with a still bigger lead over his ernoon with a still bigger lead over ma-rival than he holds to-night. Vedrines has not given up hope, however, and he will probably make a sensational flight over the last leg of the trip. Beaumont was in the air eleven hours

here to-night. He reached Manchester, 287 miles from Edinburgh, at 4:47 o'clock this afternoon, after having led Vedrines to Stirling, Glasgow, and Carlisle.

Both of the airmen passed through dangerous head winds and squalls and at times were almost forced to descend. Vedrines' greatest loss of time was caused by a heavy mist which he encountered shortly before reaching Glasgow.

Thousands of people are gathered at the aviation field here to-night to await the appearance of the aviators to resume their flight to-morrow morning.

# BRYAN FACTION

Fremont, Nebr., July 25.-The Deme Fremont, Nebr., July 25.—The Democratic State convention was a very timid affair in contrast with the advance notices. It was controlled from beginning to end by a combination of leaders who had decided that harmony should prevail. This was based on an insistence that party victory would be impossible if any row was permitted. It was acquiesced in by the representatives of of the anti-Bryan faction after each had been shown that neither possessed sufficient following to secure either commendation or condemnation of Bryan.

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The harmony men, who were mainly composed of anti-Bryan Democrata, sought for a time to secure an indorsement, but were ruled out by the leader, who feared this would bring about the trouble they feared.

The way to full peace was opened by the announcement of representatives of Bryan that they would not insist on his name appearing in the resolutions adopted, and it was agreed that no condemnation of any other party leader be included. This was accepted by Dahlman, and formed the basis of the peace pact.

M. F. Harrington, of O'Neill, presided over the convention. He congratulated the Democratic House on enacting into law the reciprocity bill, and thereby giving Taft the only bit of popularity he enjoyed. He predicted that its enactment meant the end of the protective system. meant the end of the protective system.

John C. Byrnes, of Columbus, was reelected State chairman.

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## **NEWS OF WALL STREET**

Decision of Interstate Commerce Commission in Railroad Case Causes Considerable Perplexity in Early Trading.

New York, July 35.—It was a day of perplexity in Wall street. No one even professed to understand the importance of the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the elaborated Spokane rate case, first decided a year ago as a matter bearing upon rates between Spokane and Seattle entirely, and then expanded until it embraced all the big Western and Eastern systems.

In the early part of the day it was assumed that the railroads would sustain loss as a matter of course, but later on it was appreciated that the decision involved a readjustment of railroad rates and a readjustment of all charges and that no one could at present comprehend whether in the end the readjustment would operate profitably or unprofitably as far as concerned both the railroads and business as a whole. That the case was of great importance all agreed.

Not even J. C. Stubbs, of the Harriman lines, generally accounted the most expert traffic man in the United States, could begin to appraise the effect of the decision on the railroad business yesterday. For that matter, as Mr. Stubbs said, the important question of the long and short haul is purely academic.

The market opened weak. The commodity markets were again soft, corn, modity market index, conn, the contourn only the begain soft the importance of the railroad rate clase, but with depression in European mar

## FINANCE AND REALTY

There was something doing every min-ute on the exchange yesterday. Brokers had the biggest day in weeks, the trad-ing spreading pretty much over all the list, and issues selling freely in a num-

Despite the heavy buying, prices re-nained firm. In some issues the heavy orders sent the price fractions below the first offerings, but as a rule the closing prices were improvement over the close on Monday.

Leadership in Dispute.
The leadership in point of activity would give excellent cause for dispute would give excellent cause for dispute. Washington Railway 4s were undisputed Feaders in the bond list, but in the stock list the laurels might well be divided in three parts and distributed between Washington Gas. Railway common, and Lanston, all of which figured heavily. Metropolitan Railway 5s also figured heavily in the bond transactions.

The Bond Transactions.

Of the five issues figuring in the bond transactions-Gas 5s. Traction 5s. Metrotransactions—Gas 5s, Traction 5s, Metropolitan 5s, Washington Railway 4s, and Steamboat 5s—only one showed the slightest regression. Washington Railway 4s opened at \$47-\$\$, closing price Monday, and selling to the face value of \$18,000, closed at \$42-\$\$. The closing sale in this issue was a \$10,000 transaction—face value. Metropolitan Railway 5s, which ran second in point of activity, sold to a face value of \$10,000 and registered a net pain of \$11-\$\$ points in the course of the trading. The first sale was at 100, a point above the closing price of Monday, and at the fourth transaction, when one \$5,000 block changed hands, the price jumped to 109-3-4. The close was 109-1-2. The other issues that figured if the trading stood firm.

Lanston Sells Heavily.

Lanston held the center of the stage of the regular call. In all Wabash con.

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TO Some time when it was reached in the course of the regular call. In all 177 shares changed hands. The trading opened with the price at 941-2, the asking price Monday. This level was held for the greater part of the trading, but in the course of the last three transactions the price dropped to 941-8, at which level forty-five shares changed hands.

Peace Dove Alights Above
Fremont Convention Hall.

Railway Common Strong.
Railway common started out with a clean point jump over the closing price of Monday, the first transaction being at 47. Immediately after, however.

ocrats, Will Build in G Street. 8. H. Edmonds will commence work shortly on a row of three one-story brick stores at 1217, 1119, and 1221 G street northwest, for Woodward & Lothrop. The property is considered among the most valuable business locations in Washington, has been held by the firm for several years. The three new buildings, plans for which were prepared by Milburn, Heister & Co., will be erected for rental purposes, at a cost of about 12,000. It is understood the firm plans more extensive improvements for that property in the near future. S. H. Edmonds will commence

NEW YORK GRAIN.

New York, July 25.—WHEAT—Lower; more active.
No. 1 Northern spring, to arrive, £ o, b., 1.08; No. 2
red, new, £ o, b., 79%; new No. 2 hard, £ o, a.
10%; No. 1 macarent, £ o, b., 25%; No. 1 Manitobs,
£ o, b., 1.09%. Exporters took 20 loads No. 2 red
here and to arrive, and 25 loads so of and hard winter via outports; aims cold to shippers 15,600 No. 2
red, c. 1. £ New York, 91205.

CORN-Weaker; fair business. Streamer, 66, export
basis; No. 2, 6, b., 65%; No. 2 elevator, domestic,
10%. Exporture took 15,000 bushels west for Mexloo. MILLPEED.-Wesker; moderate business. Spring bern, 21.25; standard middlings, 26.75; Western red. dog, 20.00; winter wheat bran, in 198-pound sacks, to serite, 25.20; city bern, in boll; 23. OATS--Wesker; moderate demand. No. 2 white, 67; No. 3 white, 65; standards, 65s, sievator basis; white on track, 58.25.

Baltimore, July 25.—LAVE POLICES:
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chickens, large, Rs. 12; do., small to medium. He
old hems, heavy, Rs. 13; do., small to medium. D:
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do., poddile, large, Ist., II; spring ducts, 3 fbs. and
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miners ford, old, etch. 25.
BUTTES—Overmore, fanor, por th., marilier; do.,
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Ib. 16%; Maryland, Vinginis, and Pennsylvanis' andry prints, per lb., 15%; process butter, lb., 1582lls. EGGS-Maryland, Pennsylvanis, and Bear-by-freet, loss off, Ir.; Edwirm Shore, Maryland, and Branch, Joseph Steiner, Steiner, Steiner, Steiner, Steiner, Steiner, Lossen, Lander, Lande

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., mem-sers of the New York Stock Exchange, Hibb

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of Monday, the first transaction being at
47. Immediately after, however, the
price dropped, and for the remainder of
trading fluctuated between 65s and 46%,
closing at 46%, a net gain of % over the
best price Monday.

Washington Gas Active.

Gas sold more freely than it has for
some time and showed fair strength.
The trading began at 83%, the closing
price Monday, and in the course of
trading fluctuated between 65s and 46%.
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price Monday, and in the course of
trading fluctuated between 65s and Amalgamated Copper. Am. Beet Sugar..... U. S. Steel pfd. 1184, 1184, 1184, Utah Copper 496, 498, 498, Va.-Car. Chem. com. 575, 575, Va. Iron, Coal & Coke. 588, 589, West. Elec. & Mfg. com. 5 B INDUSTRIALS.

115% 67% 57% 58% 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 CURB MARKET.

BOSTON COPPER STOCKS.

WASHINGTON STOCK MARKET

D at 40%. Washington Cles, 25 at 40%, 25 at 40%, 25 at 40% at 40%, 2 at 80%, 25 at 50%, 24 at 50%, 25 at 40%. Georgettown Gas, 25 at 100, 16 at 100. Mergenthalor, 5 at 22%, 10 at 220%, 10 at 220%.

th 200%.

Lanators, 19 at 54%, 29 at 54%, 20 at 54%, 20

Georgetown Gas 5s.
Washington Gas cert, 5s.
trailRoad BONDS.
Cepital Traction 5s.

mac Electric cons 3s..... mac Electric Light fa.... MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

MINING STOCKS

NATIONAL BANK STOCKS National Bank of Washington 78 TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.
American Security & Trust. 24
National Savings & Trust. 225
Union Trust. 225

SATINGS BANK STOCKS FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS

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Real Estate.
MISCELLANE/JUS STOOKS

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, July 25.—Five months' moner is now quoted at 3½ per cent, instead of 3½,85%, as on Menday. This is doe to the fact that this date matures in the last week of December. There is still some inquiry for over the year funds, but not at the asking rate of the banks.

Money on call to-day opened at 3% per cent, lightest, 7%; howest cleaning at 2%. Most of the dar's loans were made at 3% per cent.

Rates are 2% per cent for skay days, 2%,35 for minety days, 3,2% for four months, 3% for five months, and 5%, 35% for six months.

Commercial poper remains unchanged at 4 per cent for the best names; business quiet and featureless.

Lendon discounts, 115-18 per cent, of 1-3%. Paris discounts, 3% per cent, unchanged.

Berlin discounts, 3% per cent, unchanged.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, July 25.—In the live stock market to-day cattle were nemically steady. Dressed bed in fair demand at falle per pound for examine to prime native sides. Calres steady: common to prime value. (530:100 per 100 pounds cuils, 5:00:4.00; choice West-ern calves, 121:44:725; Virginia, 5:10:4.72; city dressed reaks, Ital's per jound; country dressed do. 123. Sheep and lambs fairly active and steady. Sheep, 2004.00; Temmon to choice lambs, 4:06:7.33. Hops steady.

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